

Enfield 4, Wycombe Wanderers 2

NOT UNTIL the final ten minutes of this fast fiercely aggressive, but generally keen and skilful game between Isthmian giants, did the champions show a decisive superiority.

And then it was a penalty kick, awarded against goalkeeper John Maskell, which

proved the turning-point—as well as the culmination of Wanderers' championship chances.

But Maskell has a grievance about the penalty which was conceded when Peter Seeley was brought down after rounding him. Wycombe's guardian claims that the Enfield forward was offside when he came through. He further claims that he got the ball in the scrimmage and that Seeley tripped over him.

Brian Lee, Wanderers manager, thinks his side should have had a penalty kick soon after half-time when an Enfield defender fisted the ball away for a corner.

Wycombe switched Keith Samuels to the right

wing from which Len Worley was absent after his mishap against Tooting, and brought back Vince Faulkner to centre-forward.

Lou Temel also returned while Stevenson made way for his more experienced colleague.

Both side placed the accent on attack and the Enfield strikers moved quickly against a Wycombe defence which was well marshalled but hard-pressed in the early stages.

Adams had a good shot saved by Maskell and Rundle raced in to stop the Enfield man when he advanced again.

Enfield's mid-field, with John Payne in lively form, tackled smartly and seldom allowed Wycombe's frontrunners to hold the ball long enough to forge valid openings.

The champions, always formidable at home, played with excellent understanding and Vince Faulkner was checked by Payne when Barry Baker found him with a good pass.

Taylor, the Enfield goalkeeper, made a flying leap to turn the ball round the post when Faulkner flicked in a shot from Busby's pass.

With 20 minutes gone, Wycombe began to measure their long passes better and the cohesion of the home forwards looked slightly less impressive for a spell.

Things looked serious for Enfield when Faulkner got in a header from Baker's centre but again Payne cleared. Temel made an overlap run and from his centre Taylor fisted from the head of Tony Horseman.

Goalmouth scrimmages were frequent as play swung from one goal area to the other and the sides went in at half-time with no goals scored and the game wide open.

Enfield followers, however, yelled for a spot-kick when Rundle brought down John Connell.

Tense as it was, the atmosphere grew even more electric when Fry conceded a corner and Busby's kick was sifted into his own goal by Taylor.

Almost immediately, Ray Hill, the home leader, hit the Wycombe bar with a tremendous drive, and thrills were still to come.

Seeley, who had missed an earlier chance, headed out to the Enfield left, when Gordon Clayton, who had only just come on as substitute for injured Jim Quail, moved in to hit a low drive past Maskell with the defence wide open.

It was still an open issue. Sedgley fouled a Wycombe forward and the kick, taken by Charlie Gale from near the half-way line, went through to Keith Samuels who mishit his shot but put it past Taylor.

A draw looked a certainty, but then came the penalty incident and, with the last seconds ticking away, a final goal for Enfield, as Adams met a loose ball out on the right and scored with a cross-shot.